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Hollis Heads The 1968 - 1969 Emphasis

The United Church of Christ is making the theme, "The Local Church in God's Mission," the center of attention in 1968 and 1969. It is hoped that this Emphasis will set in motion a process that will be continuous, in that the local church will constantly examine its life, develop plans and programs, and seek to be alert to the mission that God has for each church.

The Emphasis Committee, Allen Hollis, Walter Hall, John Martin, Franklin Lewis, John Roemer, David Beebe, and Floyd Carmack, met Sept. 26, 1967, and made the first target of the Emphasis, the ministers. The Ministers' Convocation will be the first training session in which ministers will undergo the rigorous examination of the Spirit of God in the light of God's Mission.

Next in the series of events will be Training Institutes and Workshops of Lay Life and Work. These will be held in March, June, and July. By next fall, at the Association meetings, each church should really begin to face the task that God has for that church in today's world.

Fall Is Family Thank Offering Time

Many churches provide each family with a Family Thank Offering box to receive expressions of gratitude thru the year. Usually the fall is the time when these boxes are returned to the church, dedicated in some meaningful service, and the contents sent on their way to be used by the Instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ for projects for which otherwise no funds come.

In the United Church of Christ no uniform pattern is set up, but it is recommended that the Family Thank Offering be a church-wide project. In some churches it is promoted by a special committee. Other ideas are:

Family Thank Offering as part of Laity Sunday observance.

Center Laity Sunday program around
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Board For World Ministries Meets

"And God said, 'Fill the earth.' What did he say to do when it was full?" The first question delegates to the 158th annual meeting of the United Church Board for World Ministries will be asked is what the church can do to solve the joint problems of overpopulation and inadequate food production in most of the world.

The question is contained in a composition for verse choir written by Dr. Oscar J. Rumpf, professor of counseling and education at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo., which will keynote the four-day meeting, November 14-17, 1967, in St. Louis, Mo.

The composition highlights facts of hunger and poverty in the U. S. and abroad and directs bitter accusations at a society which permits such conditions.

Other problems of the world, the problems of war and peace, justice and terror, education and urban slums, will be on the agenda of the 225 corporate members throughout the meeting.

Among speakers will be: Dr. David Stowe, Assoc. Gen. Secretary for Overseas Ministries, National Council of Churches; Rev. Charles Blakney, a United Church missionary who was arrested in Rhodesia for speaking against police terror; Dr. Elmer Severinghaus, president of the Board, and Dr. Alford Carleton, executive vice-president.

Dr. Stowe, a missionary in China from 1945-50, served under the old American Board and also served as General Secretary of Interpretation and Personnel of the United Church Board.

Another feature of the meeting will be a special presentation of the Janell Landis puppets. A United Church missionary who teaches in Sendai, Japan, Miss Landis with her puppets has been featured in hundreds of performances in Japan and the U. S.

Missionaries from troubled spots of the world are to present brief discussions of issues facing their host nations

Executive Committee Meets

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Conference met at the Conference office September 11 and 12, 1967. The moderator, Hubert Richter, was absent because of illness. Sharing in the meeting besides the committee members were Rev. Horace Sills and Rev. Edward M. Brown of the Board for Homeland Ministries, and Rev. Karlton C. Johnson of the Stewardship Council.

The Executive Committee authorized the building of a church house at Bonanza. Cost will be \$21,000.

One of the Conference cars is now paid for, and the committee voted that \$75 per month be placed in a savings account for the purchase of another car when the present car becomes more of a liability than asset.

Rev. Allen Hollis and Rev. Walter Hall discussed the 1968-69 Emphasis, "The Local Church in God's Mission." The Emphasis Committee was appointed: Allen Hollis, chairman; Walter Hall, Floyd Carmack, David Beebe, John Martin, Franklin Lewis, and John Roemer.

It was suggested that Rev. Judson King be invited to visit Dorchester Center on Oct. 20-23, 1967, and discuss with various Conference leaders the possibilities he envisions as a program for the Center.

Mr. Sills led the committee in the discussion of "Steps that the Conference should take now!" The committee began making a list of the problems facing the Conference and would seek the aid of the churches in listing problems and probable solutions. The Executive Committee meets again Nov. 14-15, 1967, to determine alternatives before us, to choose the alternative we desire, map out plans, and put plans into actions. This may take several more meetings, but the Executive Committee wants us to serve most effectively in God's Mission.

at a public meeting.

At least 16 United Church missionaries are expected to attend the sessions.

Caddo, Ala., Church Reports

The people of Caddo (Trinity, Ala.) are rejoicing over a very successful and rewarding summer.

New classrooms were ready for use July 1st. A new sign adorns the church driveway. Our Bible School, conducted the third week in July, was a time of learning for both teachers and pupils. We had 143 pupils enrolled, 120 with perfect attendance. Sixteen teachers and several drivers helped during the week. The closing program was enjoyed by a large crowd. A picnic followed the program.

We have eight new members now, after our revival. Rev. R. M. Waugh was speaker, with special singers and good attendance at all services.

Plans are under way now to get water to the church, equip the kitchen and nursery, get curtains made, hang pictures, and get our youth choir organized. We still have work to do.

— Eva Shelton

Dr. Graham Attends National Conference

Dr. Walter A. Graham, president of Southern Union State College, Wadley, Alabama, recently participated in a National Foreign Policy Conference for educators in the nation's capitol.

Dr. Graham was invited by the Secretary of State in his capacity as the 1967 president of the Southern Association of Junior Colleges, an organization which includes all of the junior colleges in eleven southern states.

President Graham stated that most delegates were seriously concerned about the world situation and were generally in full accord with the present foreign policy. One college president stated that attending the conference was the highlight of his career; he would strive harder to present a finer program at his college.

(From The Southern Union News)

Free-Facts From Japan

By writing Information Service, the Consulate General of Japan, 235 E. 43rd St., New York, New York 10017, you can order various leaflets which will provide material about Japan, the country chosen for special study during 1967-68: (Titles of pamphlets)

What Shall I Read on Japan?

Geography of Japan

Chronological Outline of Japanese History

Government — Imperial Family —

New Hope Church Has New Parsonage



The New Hope Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) of Clio, Alabama, has just completed a new parsonage.

This lovely brick house is on the church grounds. It consists of three bedrooms, one bath, kitchen-dining and large living area.

It is most interesting to note that even though this church has been without a pastor for a long while, much progress is being made and a great interest maintained.

The church is very active in Sunday School and continues preaching service with guest speakers.

The main goal for this small country church at the present time is to locate a minister for this parsonage and begin a full-time schedule.

E. Ala. Ministers Meeting

On Monday evening, September 18, the ministers of the E. A. A. held their regular monthly meeting in the Lanett Church, where they were served a fine meal by the ladies of the church.

Fifteen ministers were present: W. J. Andes, Jesse H. Dollar, Floyd Carmack, Joe French, Walter Hall, Roy Chatham, Warren Blankenhorn, John Rhodes, E. G. Clark, A. C. Nelson, A. R. Van Cleave, Olin Sheppard, Bill Hodnett, Paul Pike, and Allen Hollis.

Clothing

National Flag and Anthem — Literature

Japan's Economy — Transportation
Religion — Education — Status of Women

Public Health — Music — Foreign Trade

Kabuki (Drama) — Ikebana (Flower Arranging) Chanoyu (Tea Ceremony)

1968 Ministers' Convocation

For all ministers of S. E. Conference

Date: January 15, 2 P. M., Jan. 17, lunch

Place: Camp Calvin, south of Atlanta

Theme: "The Local Church in God's

Mission" — 1968-69 Emphasis

Leader: Dr. Jerry Jud of the Dept. of Evangelism, United Church of Christ

This Convocation is a must for all ministers. No minister, part-time or full-time, chaplain or pastor can afford to miss. Save the dates and mark them in red on your calendar.

Dorchester Approved For 1968 Work Camp Project

A recent letter from Mr. Carl Bade announces the approval of Dorchester Center as a site for a denominational sponsored Senior High Work Camp in the summer of 1968. A flyer announcing Dorchester and other Summer Service Opportunities is in the hands of the printer and should be available early in November.

We look forward to being "hosts" in this project and hope that some Southeast Conference Senior High youth will want to sign up for work at Dorchester with other young people from various parts of the country.

Daisy Has Homecoming

The Daisy Congregational Christian Church held its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 1, with 70 members and friends present for lunch. Guests attending the morning worship service were: Rev. Hugh Lasseter, chairman of the Commission on Church Extension, S. E. Conference, who described the need for support of new churches in Southeast Conference; and Rev. William J. Andes, Conference Minister, who gave the morning sermon.

Lunch was served in Fellowship Hall by the Ladies' Guild of the Daisy Church. The Guild is 45 years old. Newly elected officers are:

President — Mrs. Charlotte Lape
1st V. Pres. — Mrs. Inez Miller
2nd. V. Pres. — Mrs. Mildred Burke
Secretary — Mrs. Evelyn Ferry
Treasurer — Miss Ora Smith

Mascot — Little Miss Suzanne Ferry

During the morning worship, the choir, composed of 15 members, sang "Love, Mercy and Grace."

Rev. Raymond Ashley is the minister of Daisy Church.

LAY LIFE AND WORK AREA MEETINGS,

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE, HELD JULY 30

56 CHURCHES — 411 PEOPLE

ALABAMA — Andalusia: 53 people; 5 churches — First, Andalusia; Antioch, Andalusia; New Home, Andalusia; Blackwood, Headland; Baker, Good Hope.

Chairman — Mrs. Arthur Wallace
Mr. Arthur Wallace presided and gave the opening devotional. Antioch Church presented the skit, "Our Family Tree," on the history of the UCC. Young people from Blackwood Church gave the skit on the Family Thank Offering, "With Heart — With Mind."

A devotional based on the devotional booklet, "This Is Our Faith," was given by Mrs. Margaret Adams. Mrs. Arthur Wallace encouraged everyone to support O. C. W. M. Material Aid was explained by Mrs. Lula Trawick.

The host church provided refreshments.

Birmingham: 50 people—6 churches: First, Birmingham; Pilgrim, Birmingham; First, Anniston; St. John's, Cullman; Talladega; Garden City.

Coordinated by Mrs. L. R. Hall, Mrs. F. F. Cameron, and Mrs. Carrie Crowder.

Worship Leaders: Mrs. N. D. Childs and Mrs. E. L. Cooke.

Five members of Pilgrim Fellowship of First Church presented skit, "Our Family Tree." They were: Jeanette Vines, Acquineita Lamar, Denise Barefield Pendleton, Horton Colquitt, and Phillip Johnston.

Mrs. V. D. Martin and Mrs. V. G. Saunders present a resume of the worship booklet, "This Is Our Faith."

"With Heart — With Mind" was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Rene Chetelat, Jackie Chetelat, and Norton Owens.

Mrs. Ethel Mae Owens gave an overview of "Highways of Service" and presented ideas for several projects for Material Aid which would involve the total church. Mrs. A. C. Gaston shared her experiences from a recent trip to Japan. Her discussion of the rituals and habits of Japanese will be useful as we study Japan as part of our study this year.

Hartselle: 8 people — 4 churches: Huntsville; St. John's, Birmingham; St. John's, Cullman; Garden City.

Presiding — Mr. William Green
A discussion of Material Aid, Family Thank Offering, and the United Chur-

ch, with emphasis on the layman's role in interpreting these important subjects to the local church.

This group plans to ask Fall Associations about meeting quarterly for fellowship.

Lanett: 68 people — 13 churches: First, Roanoke; Lowell, Roanoke; Antioch, Wadley; Dadeville, Elder; Wadley, Corinth; Langdale, Shawmut, Todd; West Point, Bethel; Lanett, Pleasant Grove; LaGrange, United. Nine ministers, 22 men.

Rev. A. R. Van Cleave gave the opening worship. The Family Thank Offering skit was given by members of Langdale. Lanett members presented "Our Family Tree." Materials in Program Opportunities were presented by Mrs. Walter Hall. "Highways of Service" for Material Aid was discussed by Mrs. Bill Hodnett.

Rev. James H. Chesnutt, Methodist pastor of Lanett, spoke on "Motivation, Methods and Means for Missions."

Montgomery: 25 people — 5 churches: Tallassee, Mt. Olive, E. Tallassee, First, Selma; First, Montgomery; UCC of South Montgomery.

Chairman — Mr. William Llewellyn. Rev. G. Franklin Lewis presided. Mrs. Alice Ragland with members of First Church, Montgomery, presented skit on "Family Thank Offering." Mr. Freddie Powell gave the devotional. A discussion of the primary mission of the church, with each church sharing. After refreshments, small group discussions continued.

Chattanooga: 30 people—4 churches: Belvidere; Soddy; First, Chattanooga; Pilgrim, Chattanooga.

Mrs. Marion Young presided. Mrs. Herman Liechty gave the opening devotional. Miss Elizabeth Jenkins had a cast to present "Our Family Tree." Mrs. Dorothy W. Robbs helped present the Family Thank Offering skit, "With Heart — With Mind." A concern for reaching youth was the subject of a very lively discussion. Those present hope to meet again. Mr. Robbs was chosen chairman of a committee to co-ordinate information and cooperation in the area between churches. Young people of the churches plan to meet.

Crossville: 38 people — 8 churches: Crossville; Pleasant Hill; Sweetwater; Knoxville; Glen Mary; Robbins; Deer Lodge; Brookmeade, Nashville.

Mrs. William Winterbottom presided and discussed Material Aid. Miss Miriam Heerman presented the devotional. Members of parishes served by Rev. Annie Campbell presented the skit, "Our Family Tree" depicting the history of the UCC.

Members of Sweetwater, under chairman, Miss Lydia Prigmore, presented the Family Thank Offering skit. Rev. John Anderson shared with the group some of the concerns of the Social Action Committee of the Association. During a sharing period, ideas and programs were discussed with much interest.

GEORGIA — Atlanta: 50 people—4 churches: Rush Memorial, Atlanta; First, Atlanta; Central, Atlanta; Carroll Heights, Atlanta.

Mrs. Homer C. McEwen presided. Mrs. Joseph Boone gave the devotional. Members of First Church, under the direction of Miss Helen Tolliver, presented the skit, "Our Family Tree." Members of Central gave the Family Thank Offering skit. Mrs. Edward Brown introduced the eight institutions adopted by the SEC in April at annual meeting. Information was given about "Highways for Service." Every organization in First Church was represented by officers. Rev. Homer C. McEwen closed the meeting by challenging us to meet the needs of people through our churches.

Columbus: 43 people—4 churches: First, Columbus; United, Columbus; Phenix City, First; Oak Grove.

Mrs. Edward Smallwood presided. Rev. Sanford Wood gave the devotional. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook of Phenix City First were responsible for the Family Thank Offering skit. First Church gave the skit, "Our Family Tree." This group was especially pleased with the good fellowship and fine sharing.

Savannah: 46 people — 3 churches: First, Savannah; Midway; Plymouth, Charleston. 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Mrs. Arthur Curtwright presided. Devotional by First Church. Filmstrip, "Abraham." Family Thank Offering presented by Emilie Pitcock. Materials in POA were displayed and interpreted. Discussion on "How We Give and How Our Gifts Are Used." Each fellowship shared ideas.

An Autumn Project For OCWM

The First Congregational Church, UCC, of Atlanta, Georgia, has for the last several years presented a World Missions Tea in order to raise money for the support of the various missions of the UCC throughout the world, and to teach members and friends of the church the meaning of missions, the number, nature, and quality of our specific missions across the globe and the present urgency for the continuation and strengthening of our mission structure.

The 1966 tea was held Sunday, November 13, from five to seven-thirty p. m. in the Church School auditorium. Planning and preparation began with each church board, club or auxiliary selecting a chairman and a co-chairman. Each organization has two responsibilities:

1. Provide decorations, hosts, and hostesses for a table to represent a country in which we have an established, manned mission activity.
2. To procure and distribute special OCWM Tea invitations to friends (outside of the church membership), and to stimulate contributions that will net a minimum of one hundred dollars for each table.

A general planning session was held two months prior to the tea date. The committees appointed were: Program, Music, Refreshment Table, Art Work, Junior Hosts and Hostesses, Floral Arrangements, Guest Books, Public Relation, Foreign Guests (particularly from lands in which UCC is actively at work), and Auditing.

One month before the tea, a brief meeting following the church service included a representative from each of the thirteen participating organizations. Distribution of 1500 invitations (one hundred plus for each group), and the selection of the country each group would represent at its table, were carried out.

Those attending the tea were registered in a master guest book. A book at each table recorded every person's contribution. These records are valuable in compiling the following year's invitational list and in affording a financial record.

The refreshment table responsibility is shared successively by participant groups. The cost of this table is underwritten by the church. This is the only expense for which the church takes responsibility. All other expenditures

are made by the groups as a missionary gift: this means that they do not deduct their table expenses from the proceeds of the tea.

Publicity involving the mass media (newspapers, radio, etc.) is handled by the Public Relations Committee. A photographer was engaged so that the church could have a pictorial record of the event.

The Art Committee painted and placed signs for each table, displaying the name of the group and country being featured. A small silhouette map of the country was placed on each sign, with pins designating approximate location of missions projects.

With the Music Committee providing background music (stereo) throughout the tea, the atmosphere of the entire occasion was informal and leisurely, with people moving about instead of being seated.

Twelve foreign students in native dress attended as guests of honor. The Foreign Students' Committee made the contacts, arranged for transportation, and assisted the narrator by providing a file card description of each student, his homeland, his purpose for studying in this country, and the meaning of his or her native dress.

Hosts and Hostesses from the Senior and Junior Youth Fellowship groups were designated by tags.

The tea ended with the Auditing Committee receiving money and recording each group's collection.

The 1966 tea added approximately eighteen hundred dollars to our O. C. W. M. giving.

Mrs. Asa G. Yancey, Chm.

Mrs. Norman M. Rates,
Co-Chm.

Confirmation Education Planning To Be Held

The Southeast Conference will be represented by five or six men and women at the denominationally-sponsored Confirmation Education Planning Session at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, November 6-10.

Prior to the Indiana session, delegates will receive copies of the new Confirmation Education Series materials so they may have opportunity to study them.

It is expected that during and after the sessions, delegates will study the implementation of Confirmation Education in churches of the Conference.

From A Letter To Nashville News Media

Dear Mr. Editor:

It is precisely because Negro history has been almost completely deleted from the context of American history texts that there is a perversion of human relations between the black and white races. Negroes, indeed, find themselves subconsciously and consciously agonized by a shallow knowledge of their history because it has been bequeathed to them in degraded excerpts from the context of a noble White history.

It should be quite apparent that the deleting of the significant aspects of the Negro's person, sufferings, and accomplishments from the context of American history has seriously distorted the moral character of our entire society. We have produced a generation of Americans, both black and white, who do not understand the essential historical dimensions of their interracial relationships. Consequently, all are groping in the darkness of ignorance unable to fix a handle to their deepest emotions.

The dangers of teaching only the noble aspects of the lives of whites in American history to the exclusion or degrading of all else is demonstratively apparent. It should be equally apparent that to teach Negro history with a radical emphasis upon those aspects of Negro life purported to inspire nobility in Negroes, to the exclusion or degrading of all else, is equally erroneous and dangerous.

We, therefore, need not be so quick to condemn the efforts of those who try, in their way, to fill the gaps in the teaching of American history. Rather, our collective energies could best be given to the task of making unnecessary the efforts of one small group to have to attempt such a prodigious and important project alone.

—H. B. Taylor, Minister
Howard United Ch. of Christ

World Community Day—Nov. 3

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY, "Who Shall Separate Us?"—packet, \$1.00. From: Department of Publication Service, National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027.

Manual For Confirmation Education Is Available

This book outlines the meaning of confirmation as a celebration of the personal decision-making process, of the person's belongingness within the fellowship of Christians, and of the person's commission to responsible Christian ministry in the world. It discusses the educational process most appropriate in preparation for confirmation, setting it within the larger context of the church's educational ministry. A large portion of the manual details how local churches may evaluate their current educational programs and develop their own programs of confirmation education. It also outlines ways in which the resource and discussion books for youth and adults listed may be helpful tools in a variety of settings and structures. This manual is designed for use by local church committee personnel and ministers in the planning process.

The set consists of a manual for ministers and church leaders, and eight resource and discussion books, seven for youth and one for adults. Each book, planned for use in six to ten sessions, is complete in itself and may be used alone or in various combinations with others. All resources within the Confirmation Education Series are paperbacks and attractively illustrated.

These confirmation materials are based on the same theological and educational principles as the United Church Curriculum, but, of course, they do not have to be used in conjunction with the church school courses; they are completely independent.

Group planning and discussion, as well as individual study, are at the very heart of these units; they are not lecture material. The courses are written to help persons, through thoughtful discussion and action to make responsible decisions regarding the Christian faith, life, and mission.

They may be ordered from United Church Press.

Congratulations, Rush Memorial!

Congratulations to Rush Memorial Church, Atlanta, upon the successful capital funds drive led by John Westfield of the Board for Homeland Ministries, N. Y. On a goal of \$25,000, pledges totaling \$33,309 (to be paid in 3 years) had been received as of Sunday night, Oct. 1, with 34 calls yet to be made. Our best wishes to church and pastor, Rev. Joseph E. Boone.

Vietnam Chaplain Reports



Each week Chaplain Robert H. Sargent, North Hampton, N. H. (third from left) meets with members of the United Church of Christ and other interested persons to talk about the church and its role in today's world. Chaplain Sargent reports that there are more than 60 United Church of Christ personnel stationed at the Com Ranh Air Force Base, RUN, South Vietnam.

Through Our Christian World Mis-

sion, we give nearly \$40,000 each year through our Council for Church and Ministry for the work of the General Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C., in direct ministries to chaplains, and in related clerical and professional salaries. In addition, Chaplain Sargent notes, local congregations can help by regular correspondence with men in the service and with subscriptions to the UNITED CHURCH HERALD.

Church World Service Expedites Emergency Supplies To Middle East

In the month of July, CWS sent shipments of Middle East refugee supplies which totaled 380,000 pounds. The shipment left New York on July 31, and included 300,000 pounds of flour and 10,800 pounds of canned beef.

The cargoes are part of a \$1,000,000,-000.00 CWS appeal for cash, food, medicine, clothing and other relief goods for war refugees in the Middle East currently being subscribed by U. S. Protestant and Orthodox church members.

Another CWS shipment of 60,000 lbs. of rice left Houston, Texas, early in August to supplement initial CWS emergency supplies. Also, 400,000 lbs. of clothing were sent from a CWS supply depot in Athens, Greece, to Ashdod, Israel. In addition, CWS purchased 1,000 blankets already consigned to Israel from Maryland.

The first CWS emergency shipment was sent from New York on June 23 and contained 20,000 lbs. of food, clothing and tents, which will be distributed from Amman, Jordan. The mercy flight included 2,000 lbs. of powdered milk donated by CROP, community appeal of CWS.

United Church Minister Is Chaplain At Vanderbilt

David Stroh, a native of Chicago, is the new Associate Chaplain at Vanderbilt University. A native of Chicago, David is assisting Beverly Asbury, the University Chaplain.

Stroh is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, having received his B. D. and STM from Yale Divinity School. Stroh spent his Danforth intern year in campus ministry at Drew University, Madison, N. J.

"The campus ministry offers an opportunity," he said, "to share in the life of the university and to be the facilitator of communication between the church, the university, and the modern world."

As Associate Chaplain, he will work with the newly-formed Vanderbilt Inter-Faith Association, which plans to emphasize action and service to the community through several volunteer programs to which students will give a few hours each week.

Ga. - S. C. Association At Dorchester

The Georgia - South Carolina Association (C. S.) will meet at Dorchester Center, Midway, Ga., on Monday evening, October 23rd, at 3:00 P. M.

BROOKLAWN CHILDREN'S HOME



Brooklawn Children's Home, 2125 Goldsmith Lane, Louisville, Kentucky, was begun in 1851 when a Christian pastor and members of his congregation responded to a need to care for orphan children in the Louisville area. From these beginnings, Brooklawn has continued until this day caring for not only orphan children, but also children who may be called dependent and neglected children.

Today, Brooklawn cares for fifty-four (54) children who come to us as referrals by parents, concerned pastors, various welfare agencies, or juvenile court. We accept children because of their need, without any restrictions to church membership or race.

Believing that the foster home can most approximate normal family living

and best prepare children for living in a family centered society, we place strong emphasis on finding good foster homes to care for these children while maintaining space for thirty-five (35) children, if need be, on our premises.

The present new and modern buildings were erected just seven (7) years ago on approximately thirty-four (34) acres in one of Louisville's busiest suburban communities.

We have continued to operate without any financial grants from the federal, state, county or city governments, depending upon contributions from churches, church people, organizations, and businesses. We solicit your concern in our ministry to children.

—Donald A. Buchhold,
Administrator

At an evening service, have a speaker and dedicate F. T. A. gifts.

At a Family Night Supper and program, bring F. T. O. gifts and dedicate.

The Family Thank Offering is an "over and above" gift for which your church does not receive apportionment credit. It should be sent to your Conference office clearly marked, "Family Thank Offering." This will be forwarded by your Conference to the treasurer of the UCC for distribution to the proper agency.

Resignations In The Southeast Conference

Dr. W. Millard Stevens, pastor of the United Church of Christ in Knoxville, Tenn., resigned his pastorate effective November 30, 1967. Mr. Stevens began his pastorate in Knoxville in 1964. He will become pastor of the United Church of Christ at Chuckatuck, Virginia, where the Governor of Virginia, Hon. Mills Godwin, is a member.

During his ministry here, he has served on various committees of the Tenn.-Kentucky Association and only this past spring was elected as chairman of the Commission on Church and Ministry of the Southeast Conference. We bid him Godspeed as he takes up his new pastorate.

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Rev. Graham Norris resigned in September as pastor of the Mt. Creek Union Church at Mt. Creek, Alabama. It is unknown at this time what his future plans are, but he will continue to serve as pastor somewhere as well as work in the mill near his home. Mr. Norris also is the Moderator of Central Alabama Association.

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Rev. A. C. Nelson, a semi-retired minister, of Rt. 1, Lanett, Ala., resigned the last of September as pastor of the Bethel Church at West Point, Ga. Mrs. Nelson has been quite ill at the home, but Mr. Nelson has continued to preach and pastor as well as look after his wife in her illness.

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